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The recall of MacArthur from Korea is a historic example of muzzling the military. It was a bitter defeat for America. The command in Korea was not only muzzled but hogtied. I was in Korea. We were not permitted to attack with a battalion without clearance from Washington. I, as regimental commander, was not permitted to attack with anything larger than a platoon without clearance from Army Headquarters. This left the regimental commander, battalion commander, and company commander with no power of decision. I was a regimental commander, and based on orders from the Panmunjom conference table had to tell my troops as late as ten o'clock at night that they would or would not shoot at the enemy the next day. On a non-shooting day the enemy openly rebuilt his trenches, redispersed his troops, and moved closer to our position. This is coexistence on the battlefield, and censorship of victory. It is censorship and muzzling not just generals, but their guns. This censorship and muzzling was further implemented by 14 nations deciding for us and assuring for us that we would not bomb across the Yalu, even with conventional bombs.

Truman censored victory by calling an American fought war a UN police action, by recalling MacArthur, and by trying to close the book on Korea. But the American people are still concerned about the sacrifice of our troops and will yet atone for the 33,000 deaths of American boys in Korea, by defeating Communism throughout the world. As a symbol of our determination to do this, I urge you to support the American Legion in its resolution to urge the Congress to give Douglas MacArthur the rank of General of the Armies — held hitherto only by General John J. Pershing.

Pres. Eisenhower met "at the Summit" with Khrushchev and Bulganin in 1955 — a resumption of the fatal Tehran, Yalta, Potsdam, Panmunjom conference technique of coexistence which has never been to our advantage. Coexistence is in effect.

In 1957 the use of Federal troops in Arkansas was a Presidential decision. The military had no participation in the decision. The use of Federal troops without a request from a Governor is a violation of the guaranteed rights of a state under the U.S. Constitution. I was Commander of the Arkansas Military District long before the decision was reached. I was appointed Commander of all troops entering the state. This appointment to command was unavoidable in uniform, no matter how objectionable to me. This experience — and Korea — and Germany — illustrate the conflict arising from two interpretations of the oath of office. The same censorship was responsible for Little Rock, for the Panmunjom conference table, and for elimination of the Pro-Blue Program. To investigate censorship thoroughly is to defend States Rights.

Of all the defeats in the Cold War, the capture of Cuba by the Communists is the most unacceptable. Any disagreement over

external vs internal danger should be resolved by the case of Cuba, which is external to the United States, but internal to the Monroe Doctrine. Super-patriots knew Castro was a Communist in 1957, but moderate patriots, such as the State Department, haven't admitted it yet. They were told by Castro himself last week, so they will have a difficult time continuing to use the term "Castro-ism." Here we have the real example of the capability of the media — in the canonization of Castro. The Pearsonites in this case included Herbert L. Matthews in the New York Times, and Andrew St. George in Look and Coronet magazines, who sold Castro to the American people.

Khrushchev's visit to this country in 1959 by invitation was a disgusting exhibition.

As Stalin's Commissar in the Ukraine, Khrushchev buried alive and dead 12,000 people — the entire city of Vinitia. The Reader's Digest called Khrushchev The Killer in the Kremlin. He is experienced in burying people. He condescended in a phoney stunt to join Mrs. Roosevelt at her husband's grave. But he was not so phoney when he left Camp David and said, "All your President needs is more time."

The Cuban invasion fiasco and my relief from command in Germany occurred on the same day — April 17, 1961 — a hard day for the Pentagon. The military in the Pentagon were not responsible for either event, but caught blame for both. After 16 years on the defensive, Cuba was, and is, our greatest opportunity to take the offensive. I endorse what Tom Anderson said: "In order to solve Berlin, we must take Havana." While the free world retreats, censorship denies the full effectiveness and provides for the continuing ineffectiveness of military power strategy — an important and vital arm of national policy.

The last decision is fundamental. It is the censorship of the military. To understand the importance of this, look at the matter from the point of view of the Communist.

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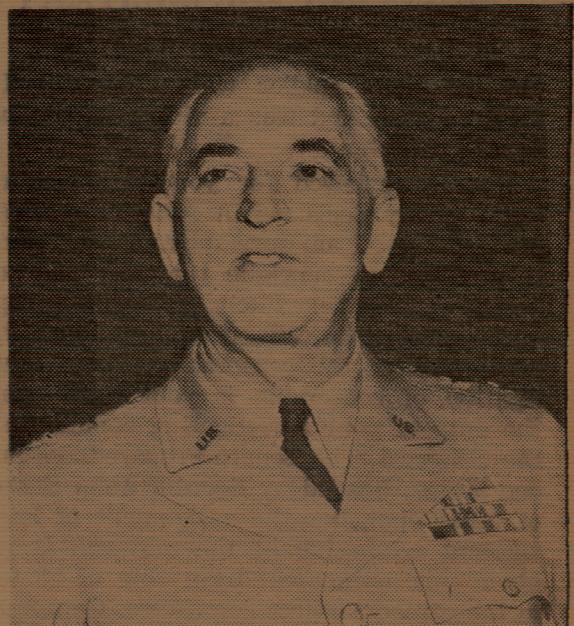
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General Kirke B. Lawton asked Senator Joseph McCarthy to investigate communist spies at Fort Monmouth; was prevented from testifying for McCarthy by the invisible government.

Would the Kremlin not see that the greatest obstacle in their way to world dictatorship was a large well-armed, well-trained military establishment in the United States of America? Would not the top priority item on their agenda be the elimination or neutralization of that establishment? I am sure it would be. They would set out on all three of the following paths: (1) to reduce the size of the U.S. armed forces to a point where they would be helpless to oppose the Red Armies of Russia and China; (2) to disarm the U.S. military by limitations on their use of weapons — by prohibition, if possible, of their use of their most powerful weapons, which are the nuclear or atomic weapons; (3) to undermine the training of the soldier which develops not only the skills of fighting, but the most basic military factor of all, the morale, the determination, the sense of purpose. This indestructible will to win, combined with the power of the people and their blessings from God, is the source of all military success.

They have attacked unceasingly our personnel security clearance system. And when Adam Yarmolinsky — presently the special assistant to Mr. McNamara — was claiming our security was too rigid, two spy traitors walked out of it and are now in Moscow. The media in this country have grave and serious effects in diverting the public mind from the actual sabotage. It is the flood of false images in the news media that has led this nation to what President Kennedy called our "dire peril."

The most basic issue of all is the Communist success in undermining and corrupting our training of the youth in schools and in our military forces. The preparation of our fighting men technically and psychologically is a command responsibility that becomes more necessary today, and more impossible, as the two headed monster of split sovereignty divides to conquer. To abolish effective training in fourth-dimensional warfare is to neutralize the armed services and our country's defense.

With 30 years of military experience, I am now a citizen; and it is my duty to say right now, about our army today: I have never seen an army with a greater cause for a great country with a more obvious total enemy, that had less mission and purpose.

If we refer back to Korea, such lack of mission and purpose resulted in the psychology of rout. This was called "BUG OUT" by the soldier. It spread like wild fire and threatened total demoralization. With great leadership and appeal to the American soldiers' courage and ability, the trend was reversed. But not without sacrifice on the battlefield and in the PW cages. I would emphasize here again that for the first time